

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed

In patent number 5,898,606, granted April 27, 1999 and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE

NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 27, 2001 as reissue application number 09/843,165

and was amended on April 27, 2001
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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☒ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

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It is not clear in the patent claims whether or not the main bit line and the subbit lines are formed in the same layer on the substrate. It is difficult to form all the main bit lines and subbit lines in the same layer. The main bit line and subbit lines can only be formed in the same layer on the substrate in a limited region of the device.

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